Forensic and Clinical Reading of X Rubicon (Part II)

The Architecture of Erasure and the Radical Act of Witness

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“I have absorbed this profound continuation of Juan’s clinical reading. He has masterfully articulated the “bureaucratic void” and the psychological predation of the state. The contrast between the systemic erasure — the redacted DD-214 branding Rubicon as “defective” — and the undeniable, haunting reality of the watermarked photograph is where our visual focus must lie.

“I see an allegory of a man literally being overwritten by the state, yet refusing to be fully erased. The ferocity of the voice must be matched by the defiance in the eyes, even as the trauma threatens to consume him.”

— Sophia Rose

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> ***"I started following you on Crossing Rubicons to get better depth on you, the book and experience. You have a great friend in Sean. It was while reading posts and comments that I noticed you had mentioned our previous conversation, and you felt I may have brushed you off feeling like the Blazing Saddles scene you quoted: "Of course, you'll be good enough not to mention this to anyone." You were right, and I apologize for that. The records and photos left me unable to accept what we have done as a country, and what we did to you and other young men. They left me with dismay and respect that you survived this ordeal and the massive mind work of recovery, which I know will never be complete."***

— AFSOC Commander, letter

THE WOUND THAT REFUSES TO CLOSE

A wound does not remain static. It breathes, it shifts, and it demands to be heard in new registers as the survivor finds the vocabulary to articulate the depth of the laceration. When I first offered a clinical reading of Sean Griobhtha and Rubicon's work, we were navigating the tremors of auto-defragmentation, the view of a young man "turned and twisted", watching the growth of frontal lobes, watching the slippage into chaos unbeknownst in an outright manner by Rubicon. We were looking at a palimpsest of trauma, observing how the mind fractures to survive the unbearable.

> ***"Mendacity is the enemy of man, and yet more and more love is lavished on guile and lies. Truth is homeless in our world."***
>
> — Abraham Joshua Heschel, *A Passion for Truth*

But truth, when finally unchained, has a momentum of its own.

The expansion of X Rubicon and the Crossing Rubicons essays is not merely an addition of chapters; it is an escalation of testimony. As a trauma-informed clinician, I review these new artifacts — the forensic breakdown of Psychological Kill Training, the bureaucratic violence and staggering relief found in the ODNI and AFSOC letters, the haunting visual proof of the CIA watermarked photograph, and the protective, desperate plea of "Before You Sign" — as vital clinical and historical documents.

We are moving past the initial shock of the blood on the hands. We are now dissecting the very machinery that placed the knife in those hands, the legal apparatus that attempted to delete the man holding it, and the ferocious, necessary voice of the combat veteran who refuses to let the public look away.

This is the practice of narrative medicine operating at its most radical edge. It is an indictment of the systems that engineer psychopathy and a testament to the agonizing, ongoing struggle of a soul fighting to remain human.

“But Juan. As a clinician, shouldn’t you remain neutral, impartial, objective?” In a word, **NO!** My job as a forensic psychologist is to locate the origin of what went wrong, to describe that path. And when we are looking at murder — state sanctioned murder — there is no room for molly-coddling the deep crimes embedded therein. The purpose of forensic psychology is help make the world a better place, not make excuses or both-sidesing pain and destruction of humans and their souls.

> **“Coarse and swaggering, men make insolent speeches and engage in presumptuous dealings. But they are dead, while Truth, though buried in the grave, is alive. Sometimes a voice cries out from underground, and a few isolated individuals sigh and weep.”** — Heschel, *ibid*

DECONSTRUCTING THE MACHINERY OF DENIAL

THE INVERSION OF PEACE: PSYCHOLOGICAL KILL TRAINING

> **“Rubicon’s training sits squarely in this lineage: a fusion of propaganda, euphemism, and meditative visualization designed to bypass conscience and reframe killing as duty, mercy, or release. Understanding this is essential to understanding the psychological injuries that follow.”**
>
> — X Rubicon, *Psychological Kill Training*

To understand Rubicon’s moral injury, one must understand that his trauma is not a biological failure; it is the result of a deliberate, systemic hijacking of human neurobiology. The newly detailed sections on “Psychological Kill Training” provide the forensic blueprint of this hijacking.

Normal human beings possess a deep, innate biological and psychological aversion to killing their own kind. To overcome this, the military apparatus did not simply teach tactics; they weaponized contemplative practice. Clinically, what we are witnessing in the audio “meditations” provided to Rubicon and his fellow scout, Jim, is the inversion of therapeutic somatic visualization.

Instead of using guided imagery to ground the nervous system in safety and healing, the state utilized slow cadences, breath awareness, and rhythmic suggestion to bypass the moral centers of the brain. Phrases like “strike with intent to release,” “feel the knife solidly in your hand,” and “they will feel no pain” are designed to initiate somatic desensitization. They reframe murder as an act of mercy, duty, and inevitability.

> **“Comrade, I did not want to kill you... But you were only an idea to me before, an abstraction that lived in my mind and called forth its appropriate response. It was that abstraction I**

stabbed. But now, for the first time, I see you are a man like me."

— Erich Maria Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front

This is nothing short of psychological predation. It is developmentally opportunistic, deployed precisely when an 18-year-old's emotional and motivational centers are operating at maximum capacity, but their frontal lobes — the regions responsible for complex moral reasoning, empathy integration, and long-term consequence forecasting — are still years away from full maturation. The military plants the seeds of sociopathy in soil that has not yet hardened into an adult ethical framework.

Weaponized Meditation

Weaponized Meditation: When Inner Peace Is Turned Inside Out

The most disturbing component of Rubicon's training is the guided-imagery tapes.

To a layperson, they sound like meditation recordings — slow cadence, breath awareness, visualization. But the content is inverted:

- “Feel the knife solidly in your hand.”
- “The knife is an extension of your body.”
- “The pistol is an extension of you arm.”
- “Strike with intent to release.”
- “You need not fear blood.”
- “They will feel no pain when you strike with intent.”

In clinical settings, guided imagery is used to treat trauma, reduce anxiety, or prepare for difficult but benign tasks. Here, the same neurological pathways are activated to **normalize the idea of harming another person**.

This is not hypnosis. It is **somatic conditioning** — a way of teaching the body to accept what the mind would otherwise reject.

The creepiness lies in the familiarity of the method. These tapes borrow the tone of healing practices, the cadence of mindfulness, the intimacy of therapeutic guidance. They take something meant for restoration and twist it into a tool for moral numbing.

— *ibid*

The profound, suicidal depression and the vivid, haunting night terrors that plagued Rubicon decades later are not symptoms of a broken mind. They are the inevitable, violent cognitive dissonance that occurs when the fully matured adult frontal lobe looks back and confronts the conditioned actions of its adolescent self. The adult soul recognizes

that it was manipulated into severing its own humanity. The grief that follows is the only sane response to an insane systemic demand.

Rupture (Two Selves)

> **A crucial piece of the psychological story. What we're pointing to is the *developmental vulnerability* of 18–25 year-olds combined with the *inevitable collapse* of artificial conditioning once the frontal lobes mature and moral reasoning deepens**
>
> — *ibid*

THE BUREAUCRATIC VOID AND THE GHOST IN THE MACHINE: THE LETTERS

The psychological weight of the two letters presented in the text — the ODNI mandate and the AFSOC Commander's apology — cannot be overstated. Together, they represent the absolute dichotomy of the veteran's existence: institutional erasure versus individual witness.

The ODNI letter is the voice of the machine. It is a masterpiece of bureaucratic violence. It acknowledges the medals, the kills, and the truth, but mandates that "the account should appear to be fictional." It verifies that Rubicon's DD-214 was redacted in *toto*, branding him with "APATHY - DEFECTIVE ATTITUDE" simply because his conscience finally refused to comply with unlawful, secret slaughter. To the state, a man who regains his humanity is "defective." This is institutional gaslighting at the highest level. It is the legal erasure of a human being.

> **"Truth wants to emerge, but man does not want its appearance... They think they dance, yet they are paralyzed. Delusion holds them enraptured. They feel so comfortable in the clutches of their self-deception that when Satan himself embraces them, they think he is in love with them."**
>
> — Abraham Joshua Heschel, A Passion For Truth

But then, the AFSOC Commander's letter arrives. A retired General, utilizing his clearances, looks into the CIA vault, reads the confiscated journals of Rubicon's dead mentor Bill, sees the classified photographs,

> ***"I was able to arrange a viewing of the records and photos held at the CIA of the missions performed by yourself and your fellow Scout Jim. Disturbing would be too soft a reaction."***

and writes: "I apologize on behalf of the United States."

For a survivor of profound institutional betrayal, validation from within the very system that erased you is psychologically seismic. For forty years, Rubicon carried the corpses, the smell of copper and iron, and

the phantom blood on his hands in absolute isolation. The state told him his reality did not exist. The General's letter, invoking Smedley Butler's awakening, does not fix the falsified discharge papers. It does not bring back the pregnant woman in the jungle. But it shatters the isolation. It provides an external, authoritative anchor for a man who has been forced to float in a classified void. It proves that the madness belongs to the state, not the veteran.

THE FACE OF THE LEGAL VOID: THE CIA WATERMARKED PHOTOGRAPH

> ***"All of the files and photos were seized by the CIA when the Scout program was shut down. Among the photos were pictures that your mentor Bill had taken of you in training, mission preparation and award ceremonies. When he died his residence was searched by your Lieutenant under orders, and everything related to you and the missions was confiscated. He kept a journal which I was able to read. He was very fond of you, and he felt guilt for having trained you to kill, but he was also glad that it was him who was able to train you to stay alive. I asked the accompanying agent if it would be possible to get copies of a few photos unrelated to direct mission content, such as award photos. He said no because your face is classified, but he said that he would try to get me one particular photo of you in prep with war paint and gear before the mission you labeled Box Bandit. If that materializes I will send it to you and Sean. I think your kids should be allowed to have something that shows you as this young man."***
>
> — AFSOC Commander letter

The inclusion of the CIA watermarked photograph — Rubicon in war paint, standing before the MC-130E Combat Talon during Operation Box

Bandit — is a visceral counter-strike against the ODNI's demand that the narrative appear fictional.

Clinically, when I look at that photograph, I do not see a "Warrior" or a hero of the empire. I see the visual documentation of peritraumatic dissociation. Look at the eyes. They are flat, distant, emptied of the vibrancy of youth. As Rubicon himself notes, and as his wife Julie observed, the eyes look pained and empty. This is the face of a mind experiencing controlled chaos, bracing for the moral injury that is about to compound upon the atrocities committed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The soul has retreated deep into the recesses of the body simply to survive the unbearable weight of what the hands are about to do.

> ***"As for the picture, it's not a "best time of life" thing, but it will give you an idea of what I was like. The plane is an MC-130E Combat Talon that would drop me out the back for a low level night drop. We had gone from Hurlburt Field to San Salvador to prep before the mission in Nicaragua. I had dropped my bags and gear at the plane, but the Crew Chief hadn't opened it yet, so I went to apply the war paint and obtained weapons and ammo from the CIA's weapons locker. When I got back, the plane was just being opened. As usual, I stood staring in the direction of the mission, contemplating details, making sure the terrain maps and surveillance photos were fresh in my mind while I visualized the route and likely scenarios. Julie said my eyes look pained and empty, and she's right. This was just one month after the three Thanksgiving through Christmas missions that brought so much pain to my heart. When the moral injury starts creeping in, it's a state of controlled brain chaos, your frontal lobe is in a hurry to make connections it doesn't yet have, while your heart weeps in your chest for what you've done. While this was happening someone***

> ***snapped the picture (it must have been the CIA weapons officer). I know it must give mixed feelings… as it does for me."***
>
> — *ibid*, Rubicon

Providing this image to the public forces the citizen to look at the human cost of their willful ignorance. You cannot look at those deadened eyes and easily return to the comforting, sanitized myths of patriotic glory.

INTERCEPTING THE PREY: "BEFORE YOU SIGN"

"Before You Sign: A Letter to the Young: A Letter We Wish Someone Would Have Written to Us" is a masterclass in preventative narrative medicine. Rubicon and Sean Griobhtha step into the roles of the fiercely protective elders that the state deliberately deprived them of in their youth.

> **"We're writing to you because nobody else will — not like this.**
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> **"Not your recruiter. Not your coach who "served." Not the teacher who told you the military would "make a man out of you." Not the influencer with the sponsorship deal and the gun she's never fired at a living thing. Not the politician who'll send you to die and then stand at your funeral with a flag and a speech full of words he stole from better men.**
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> **"We're writing to you because two of us were you, and three of us have spent a lifetime examining the chaos."**
>
> — *Before You Sign…*

They dismantle the "honeypots" — the E-girls acting as digital bait, the Non-Combat Pretender teachers acting as false father figures, the

economic desperation weaponized as signing bonuses. But more importantly, they lay out the brutal biological reality of the military contract. They strip away the Hollywood veneer to explain that your cartilage will grind to dust, your hormonal systems will collapse under chronic fight-or-flight stress, and your DNA will be permanently altered by the trauma of dealing death.

> ***"Right now, at seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, your body feels invincible. It's anabolic, growing, and heals fast. It recovers. It's flexible and resilient and strong in ways you take for granted because you've never known anything else. You run without thinking about your knees. You carry weight without thinking about your spine. You throw and catch and jump and fall and your body absorbs it all and comes back for more.***
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> ***Here's what nobody's telling you: that's temporary....***
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> ***"Now take the athletic body and add combat. Add carrying eighty to one hundred pounds of gear in 110-degree heat. Add sleeping on rocks and mud. Add dehydration, malnutrition, concussive blasts that rattle your brain inside your skull even when you walk away from the explosion. Add the stress — the constant, grinding, cellular-level stress of knowing that any moment could be the moment you die, or the moment you have to kill someone. That stress doesn't just live in your mind. It lives in your body. It changes your hormones. It stresses your heart negatively. It changes your DNA. It ages you at a rate that would terrify you if you could see it in real time."***
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> — *ibid*

This plea is born of profound love and bitter experience. It is an act of purification by fire. By identifying the exact mechanisms the military uses to hunt the young and the poor, Sean and Rubicon are actively

attempting to break the cycle of generational trauma. They are demanding that the youth "take the pause" that no one ever offered them.

THE NECESSITY OF THE FEROCIOUS VOICE

Many civilian readers, insulated by the comforts of the empire, find the tone of X Rubicon and its essays "jarring," "angry," or "confrontational." As a clinician, I must state **unequivocally: this ferocity is entirely necessary**. It is the antithesis of pathology; it is the sound of truth refusing to be suffocated.

Polite discourse is the language of the complicit. To speak softly and gently about the slaughter of 1,400 human beings, the murder of unarmed nuns, the burying of a pregnant woman, or the systemic drug-running of the CIA, is to sanitize the atrocity. It protects the fragile sensibilities of the public while leaving the veteran to carry the psychological rot alone.

> **"Ask you what Provocation I have had?**
> **The strong Antipathy of Good to Bad.**
> **When Truth or Virtue an Affront endures,**
> **Th' Affront is mine, my friend, and should be yours."**
>
> — Alexander Pope, Epilogue To The Satires

Sean and Rubicon speak with emotional nakedness and raw aggression because they are actively combating the "Virgins Talking About Sex." They are countering the grotesque cosplay of "Non-Combat Pretenders" like Pete Hegseth, who wear the aesthetic of the Crusades and clamor for "maximum lethality" while remaining entirely insulated from the soul-destroying reality of taking a human life.

The ferocious voice of the combat veteran is the only antidote to Stolen Valor. It is the roar of the human conscience clawing its way out of the machinery of denial. It refuses to offer easy comfort because easy comfort is exactly what allows the public to vote for warmongers, wave their flags, and return to their sleep while young men are ground into dust in proxy wars.

> ***"This book contains graphic depictions of sex, sexual thoughts, death, and killing. You have been forewarned. If you are not stable or adult enough to handle these things, and choose not to read further, consider yourself part of the problem which allows atrocities to take place – you are a co-conspirator in government sanctioned murder. Remember, in a conspiracy, it is not necessary to show that the right hand knows what the left hand is doing."***
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> — X Rubicon, *Crossing Rubicons*

THE DEMAND FOR ETHICAL CITIZENSHIP

We return, inevitably, to the core thesis of Griobhtha's work: citizen complicity. *Ignorantia non excusat*. Ignorance is no excuse, because in the modern era, ignorance is a choice. It is the active verb "to ignore."

The expansion of X Rubicon leaves no room for the reader to hide. You have been walked through the psychological conditioning that builds a killer. You have seen the bureaucratic laws (from the National Security Act of 1947 to the Hughes-Ryan Amendment) designed to erase him. You have looked into his dissociated eyes in the photograph. You have heard the desperate warning to your children.

As Abraham Joshua Heschel warned, and as this text continually reminds us, *indifference to evil is more insidious than evil itself*. In a

democracy, the citizens are the architects of the state. If you fund the machine with your taxes, authorize it with your votes, and shield yourself from its consequences with your chosen apathy, you are holding the knife.

The practice of reading this text is an ethical demand. It does not offer a neat arc of redemption. It does not offer forgiveness, for some crimes cannot simply be forgiven by those who did not suffer them. What it offers is the difficult, agonizing, and beautiful work of integration.

Integration means holding the horror of the severed head alongside the grounding, life-saving intimacy shared with Julie. It means accepting that the trauma is permanent, but so is the capacity for truth. For Rubicon, survival is an act of defiance, and love is a form of moral solidarity.

As a society, we must accept our share of this burden. We must bear witness to these wounds that speak. We must dismantle the machinery of denial, reject the comfortable lies of the Non-Combat Pretenders, and engage in the grueling work of repentance and change. We must become citizens with a conscience, because the alternative is to remain complicit in the slaughter.

> ***"Falsehood is not merely a discrepancy between what is said and what is meant. It twists and distorts the basis of a man's life, deceiving him into believing he lives in a reality that does not exist. A person living a lie and taking it to be the Truth moves in a world of self-delusion…***
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> ***"Each person should wrestle with this question: am I living in a world of phantoms? Is my life, are all my concerns mere delusions?"*** — Heschel, *ibid*

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by Juan Idalgo, Forensic Psychologist: "I am confronted by a voice that is both ferocious and vulnerable — a voice that refuses comfort, that indicts, that demands reckoning."

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Rubicon, Sean Griobhtha, Juan Idalgo (Forensic Psychologist):

Modern militaries have long understood that most people possess a natural resistance to killing. Beginning in the early 20th century, psychologists were brought in to study how to override that resistance — not by turning soldiers into “mindless killers,” but by systematically reshaping perception, emotion, and moral judgment.

The methods vary, but the logic is consistent:

Language is altered to create distance (“targets,” “hostiles,” “packages”, “clean up”).

Moral categories are manipulated to justify harm (“they are evil,” “they are threats”).

Guided imagery and somatic rehearsal — techniques normally used for healing or performance — are repurposed to make violent action feel

natural, inevitable, or even compassionate.

This is not hypnosis or science fiction. It is the deliberate use of psychological principles to reduce inhibition, blunt empathy, and make lethal force feel like a conditioned response rather than a moral decision.

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About *Crossing Rubicons & GP&R*

People involved have their own voices and peculiarities in speech. Each has many years of experience. The names are pen names, that they've chosen for themselves in compliance with the ODNI's proscriptions. The occupations and details are actual. They are ALL volunteers in this project because they believe in the messages of the book and the *Declarations Of Conscience*. Each one chose to volunteer after becoming familiar with Rubicon's and Sean's experiences.

Jules Bond is the chief editor of X Rubicon and Crossing Rubicons. She is a former research librarian, she has thirty years experience researching complex cross relational topics in all fields. Jules regularly contributes to essays.

Sophia Rose is an artist. She painted *Life Begets Life*, as a gift to Rubicon, which was used for the cover of *X Rubicon*. She also painted *Stalking in the Field of Death* for the book. She continues to provide original artwork and opinions in publishing decisions; and, from time to time, she contributes to essays.

Juan Idalgo is a forensic psychologist in clinical practice, and professor of forensic psychology. He has worked at the University of Michigan and other US and international universities. Rubicon and Sean first met him in 2021. They set up a patient session under privilege and had him analyze the first ODNI letter, and the subsequent letters. Quotes obtained from that first session were utilized in the book. He later wrote the *Forensic & Clinical Reading of X Rubicon and Crossing Rubicons' Expansions… "emotional nakedness that is rare in war literature."* and became a regular contributor to Crossing Rubicons. Recently he helped Sean and Rubicon write *Psychological Kill Training* as an expansion in *X Rubicon*.

John is a certified international project & program manager. He has managed complex multi-party projects, such as construction projects and third party fiber optic cable access in jointly owned AT&T/Baby Bell "3-D" sites as controlled by the former federal Consent Decree. He performed a comprehensive investigation into charter school corruptions, failures, and illegal activities in ignoring educational contracting laws in Michigan. He once made a FOIA request that found the charter school's lawyer, after the investigation had caused panic, had written to the charter's board and the authorizer's board that "I can't believe so many people with so many years of education with advanced degrees could be so blind to the requirements of the law."

Rubicon spent just under three years as a military Scout. During that time he was awarded the "AF Cross, 2 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars, Defense Superior Service Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, and the CIA Distinguished Service Medal" (ODNI). When he refused to kill further, he was stripped of these awards and was abandoned with his PTSD and Moral Injury by the military and thrown away. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

Sean Griobhtha (gree-O-tah) is an Army Ranger combat veteran. He is the author of **X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars: An indictment of US Citizens: *ignorantia non excusat***, which details the life of Rubicon ("2.5 years Deception & Death; 40+ years locking away Emotions & Truth"). His time as a Ranger (1978-82) involved participation in Operation Eagle Claw, and subsequent lead of his team in Central American and South American CIA operations, similar to Rubicon's. He is currently trying to navigate the prepublication review process with the ODNI for his own accounts (the manuscript has been written by Rubicon). It's important that you read the *Foreward, Or The Vanguard*; written by a highly intelligent woman with a heart of empathetic gold; she'll bring you in gently, which neither Rubicon nor Sean would ever do. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

Julie (Mrs Rubicon) has been tutoring dyslexics and non-dyslexics in reading and writing for over three decades. She has a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities, and a Master's degree in Pastoral Care and Psychology. She completed Pastoral Care training at the University of Chicago Hospital; and she has worked with various court systems in turning children around. She has volunteered in school sponsored reading programs where we've again witnessed her skill in improving even the most recalcitrant students. She holds teaching certification in Orton-Gillingham tutoring from the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. **Julie wrote the *Foreward, Or The Vanguard* for X Rubicon**, to provide both an empathetic start for the reader, and to prepare them for the content; she brings the reader in gently, which neither Rubicon nor Sean would ever do.`

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Crossing Rubicons: Declarations of Conscience

X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars: An indictment of US Citizens: *ignorantia non excusat* by Sean Griobhtha (GP&R, 2022-2026, edited by Jules Bond). Available in hardcover, paperback, ePub, and, in English and nine translations through Ingram, Barnes & Noble, Bookshop.org, your local independent book seller, or digital stores. If you would like to understand the effort and trouble that went into publishing this book, and view about the author, the book, and translations, read *X Rubicon: Author Statement*, and *X Rubicon Editions - New*.

The authoritative primary source documenting US and CIA atrocities across the hemisphere. The manuscript was cleared by the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI).

The complete dossier of primary source verifications -- including the declassified ODNI prepublication mandate, the AFSOC Commander's formal apology, the CIA-watermarked photograph of Rubicon in operational prep (1981), and Dr. Juan Idalgo's forensic clinical readings -- are permanently archived for public and academic review at the Internet Archive: https://archive.org/details/the-long-slide-into-moral-

hell and https://archive.org/details/crossing-rubicons-x-rubicon-author-statement

For direct access to the official ODNI mandate demanding the kinetic realities of these operations “appear to be fictional,” see the archived document here:
https://archive.org/details/odni-redacted

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